



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7256**
Takashi KOBAYASHI : Docket No. 2001_0484A
Serial No. 09/842,187 : Group Art Unit 2132
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INFORMATION PROCESSING SYSTEM AND
METHOD STRENGTHEN IN PASSWORD

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of November 23, 2004, Applicant hereby elects Group I, which is drawn to a system and method for controlling the start-up of a computer system using password and is embodied by claims 1-3, 8, 10, 12, 16-18, 23, 25, 27, 29, 31, 33, 35 and 37.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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